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Let There Be Haste.

The one thing to be kept in mind at today's hotel meeting is the necessity of speed—speed in agreeing upon a program, speed in securing the architectural plans and specifications, and speed in construction. It would be easy to consume thirty days now in discussion of this or that cost and plan of construction, and the time thus taken would make a big hole in next winter—what is needed above all else is to have the hotel ready for next winter's business.

If there were no emergency, and it were a question of building a hotel to meet every possible requirement, it would be wise to take the matter up leisurely. The city needs a great tourist hotel, to be sure; and such a structure we are sure to have in the near future. But such a hotel for tourists as all of us wish to see here would take at least a year to construct. Time being of pressing importance, it is obviously wise to adopt only such a course as will assure a completed hotel by the late autumn of this year. This does not imply any necessity of being contented with something that is not first-class. On the contrary, the hotel must be absolutely modern, and the best hotel in the southwest. But large ambitions as to cost, if carried out, will take too much time. It seems probable that a maximum cost of \$250,000 will most nearly meet the situation, everything considered. A hotel of the best modern construction for that sum of money will be a structure the city will take a pride in. On the other hand, not to have such a hotel by the beginning of next winter would probably injure the town to the extent of a million dollars.

The meeting of Thursday thoroughly demonstrated that the local spirit is for the best possible hotel at the earliest possible moment. Today's meeting should see all details completed.

Beginning a New Reign.

With the burial of King Edward yesterday the reign of George V may be said to have begun. Henceforth the young man will stand in the more or less mythical "fierce light that beats upon a throne," and the world will begin trying to take his measure.

During the short period which has elapsed since he succeeded to the throne all sorts of gossip purporting to draw his portrait has been cabled to the United States. We have been told that he is dull, and that he is exceptionally bright; that he is lazy, and a glutton for work; that he is out of sympathy with popular government, and he will valiantly stand for the democratic constitution; that he is kindly and masterful, and will be bossed by his wife; that he frets for the companionship of the pibelian wife from whom his heirship to the throne detached him, and he is devoted to his queen; that he takes no interest in state affairs, and he insists on reports in detail from his ministers; that he detests Americans and Germans, and that he loves them—and so on. All of which only goes to show that the agile correspondents have done their best to supply the world's demand for information about the new ruler of Great Britain, and that nobody knows much about him.

It is the unfortunate lot of the ordinary king to be little understood, notwithstanding the traditional fierce light aforesaid; for the light doesn't penetrate far enough for the public to see. If King George should write a brilliant state paper, his hostile critics would say that somebody else was the author. If he should make himself a force in promoting the prestige and power of his empire, most of the credit would go to his ministers—for a long time. And if he should prove to be as stupid as some of the Georges, his weaknesses would be carefully hidden by the capable "government" which is responsible to the people. Even King Edward, after a reign of ten years,

went to his grave leaving the world quite uncertain as to what part he had in reality played as a monarch. Mystery, as well as many other things, "doth hedge a king," and perhaps that is why the populace breaks its neck to see one. It is very rarely that the circles of royalty can exhibit a man of such strong individuality as Germany's "William the Sudden," who has proved to be such a forceful character that the world is in no doubt of his being every inch an emperor.

A Hint to the Democratic Brethren.
Apparently on account of the inability of the democratic brethren to agree among themselves as to the course that should be pursued at Washington, Chairman Dillon's proposed expedition in behalf of statehood seems to be in the vocative. This is regrettable, too, for it seems obvious that a delegation of democrats from Arizona could do good at the senate wing of the capitol just now—provided they followed a practical policy. This policy should be, let us take leave to say, the lining up of democratic senators for statehood—any kind of a bill that will admit the territories—and the encouragement of a democratic resolve in the senate to put the brakes on other things until statehood is assured. On the other hand, a democratic pilgrimage from this territory with Chairman Dillon's ideas of "combat" in mind against some statehood bill or other, would do more harm than good.

If democratic senators could be brought to adopt statehood as their measure of first preference, things would begin to get lively in the senate. For, be it known, both wings of the republican membership are very much disposed to flirt with the democratic senators just now. Brother Aldrich needs them, and the insurgents need them. There is a fine opportunity for some bargains to be struck, wherefrom Arizona and New Mexico could emerge victorious. It really does not seem necessary to emphasize the present facts for the consideration of our democratic friends in the territory. The repellent attitude some of them have shown towards the senate bill, for example, reminds us of the drowning young lady who refused to be rescued because the rescuing gentleman had not been properly vouched for.

Meantime, while the democratic statesmen locally are marking time and manifesting uncertainty of mind, Governor Sloan will proceed to Washington in a few days and do his share with the republican side.

The Practical Side.

Of the several Massachusetts communities which have just resumed the licensing of the sale of liquor, the city of Worcester is conspicuous because of its strong stand hitherto against the license system. Prohibition was abandoned at the recent election, because the people had reached the conclusion that the sale of intoxicants could not be stopped—not because the sentiment of the citizens in favor of temperance had changed. During the twenty-four months in which the "no-license" plan was in force, it was found that the shipments of intoxicants into the city comprised: beer, more than two millions of gallons; whiskey, more than one hundred thousand gallons. These figures, abundantly verified, did not include shipments by underground channels. In the face of such a showing, the people decided that it was more practical to return to the license system.

It is this question of practical enforcement of prohibition which divides the advocates of temperance into two groups. Contrary to the belief of the zealous advocates of the anti-saloon propaganda, the great majority of the people who vote in favor of a system of high license and strict regulation and against prohibition are quite as much opposed to the liquor evil as the most radical anti-saloon leaguer can be. With this class it is simply a matter of choosing the least of two evils—the licensed and regulated saloon as against the unrestrained and illicit sale of intoxicants.

Conflicting Testimony.

While we wish it understood that The Republican does not take the position that comets have no tails, we are inclined to let the jury have "for what it is worth"—as the courts say when they are in doubt about proffered evidence and are in doubt as to which attorney they should sit upon and suppress—we will let it go for what it is worth this observation from Professor Carl E. Myers of Ballou Farm, Frankfort, New York, who has gained considerable distinction as an astronomer: "The comet has no tail." Professor Myers thus explains: "A comet's tail is that portion of a comet's atmosphere or attenuated substance surrounding a comet's nucleus made visible by the sun's rays converged by the comet's mass acting as a lens to project concentrated sunshine in line with the shadow of the comet's nucleus, or denser central portion. It is not a 'tail,' but a portion of a vaporous sphere revealed." As between some of the astronomical stories that the tail of Halley's

comet obligingly arched itself like a cat's back as the little earth came along and thus evaded a collision—these stories on the one hand—and the opinions of Professor Myers and Astronomer Flammarion that comets have no tails, we shall not be surprised if the jury gets into a fight and fails to agree.

ABDALLAH.

Within the garden of Abdallah's heart
There grew a thistle bare.
Amid the choicest flowers of the mart
And spice trees set in careful rows
apart
It bloomed there.
And he, half petulant and half in scorn
To find within his heart of hearts a thorn.
Stooped as we stoop to pluck the weed
We see
And spake full carelessly: "This must
not be."
And straightway he essayed to root the
whole
From out the flowered garden of his
soul
And failed as when some dream-bound
sleeper tries
To lift the divan whereupon he lies.
And sweats and twists in agony: so he
Strove all in vain to wrench the thistle
free.
And then from out his soul Abdallah
went.
Wrapped in the mantle of his discontent.
Into the walks of men and learned
their ways.
And toiled for them through many
changeless days.
And went their tears until he half forgot
His garden with its perfumes and its
blot,
Until he half forgot the hidden smart
That burned within the garden of his
heart.
But after many seasons, on a day
When all the world seemed pitiless and
hard,
Abdallah turned from out the beaten
way
And came again to where his flowers
lay—
The dreaming lotus, and the poppy
ray.
And censor swinging hard.
And lo where once the thistle raised
its head.
No bitter thistle grew, but in its stead,
There bloomed a crimson rose with up-turned
face,
And from its lips a perfume filled the
place.

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THE FOLLY OF FRETTING.

"There are fools," he said, "who gamble
When life's little troubles come;
Do not weep because you stumble;
If you chance to pound your thumb
Swearing will not stop the aching.
Or repay you for the blow.
Even when your heart is breaking
Try somehow to hide your woe."

"There are fools who think that sigh-
ing
Ever caused a wound to heal;
Brave men, even when they're dying,
Smile despite the pain the feel;
He that wears a frown or worries
Over troubles that are past
Only spites himself and hurries
Where his grave shall close at last."

"They are fools who keep forgetting
All the blessings they have had
And sit down in corners, letting
Small misfortunes make them sad"—
Then the waiter dropped some butter
And a fish plate on his head.
It would be a shame to utter
Any of the things he said.
—Chicago Record-Herald.



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homey. What does she look like, and
how?"
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